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FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
PLEASE PASS TO ZIEGLER.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY ON ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SENT ME HERE TODAY, ACCOMPANIED BY THIS DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, BECAUSE MY COUNTRY DEEPLY CARES ABOUT THIS HEMISPHERE. WE HAVE COME TO LISTEN WITH UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP. WE INTEND TO RESPOND WITH HONESTY AND COOPERATION. WE WILL WORK HARD TO TRANSLATE THE DIALOGUE AND AGREEMENTS OF THIS CONFERENCE INTO CONCRETE RESULTS WITH MEANING AND VALUE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS.

THE NATIONS OF THE CARIBBEAN, LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE LONG HAD A VISION OF AN AMERICAN COMMUNITY DISTINGUISHED BY JUSTICE, DECENCY AND RESPECT -- A HEMISPHERE WHERE OUR COMMON PURPOSE IS TO END MISERY AND FREE THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

BUT OUR REACH HAS NOT ALWAYS MATCHED OUR VISION. POVERTY AND DESPAIR REMAIN, DIFFERENCES CONTINUE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.

AND SO WE COME HERE TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ADVENTURE TOGETHER-- TO DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO THE TASK OF BUILDING A TRUE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

OUR DIALOGUE WILL BE NEW BECAUSE OF THE NEW SPIRIT WE WILL BRING TO IT.

AND OUR PURPOSE WILL BE NEW BECAUSE OF THE IMPERATIVES WE NOW FACE. THE DAWNING AGE OF INTERDEPENDENCE HOLDS PROMISE FOR ALL NATIONS. WE IN THE AMERICAS CAN DEMONSTRATE TO ALL THE WORLD HOW GREAT THAT PROMISE IS, BUT TO DO SO WILL REQUIRE BOTH BOLDNESS AND IMAGINATION.

THESE ARE QUALITIES THAT HAVE LONG DISTINGUISHED THE PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS -- AS THE MONUMENTS AND ARCHITECTURE OF THIS CITY SO DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATE. THEY ARE THE QUALITIES THAT, IN THE END, WILL ASSURE THAT THE JOURNEY AMERICA'S FOREIGN MINISTERS

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BEGIN HERE TOMORROW WILL BE A FRUITFUL ONE.
TO THE PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS I BRING MY COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO THE BUILDING OF A COMMUNITY OF EQUALS IN THIS HEMISPHERE: TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO I GIVE THE THANKS OF MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF FOR THEIR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY AND WARM WELCOME.
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